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## The Circulation of The Bulletin

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### CIRCULATION

1901 average..... 4,412

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PARCEL POST SERVICE.

Perhaps one of the best ideas of the value of the parcel post is to be gained from the importance which local service attaches to it. That the government report for the first fifteen days of October shows 10,182 packages handled by the local postoffice is one of the best indications that the service is not only rapidly developing, but that it is serving the wants of the public. This showing at the end of ten months is a most encouraging demonstration of the manner in which the parcel post is catering to the quick and convenient handling of packages. While much of this business was done under the old rate the change represents a saving to the public and the hearty response therefrom in taking advantage of such opportunities indicates the general appreciation. What is true in Norwich and the territory covered by its rural routes is true throughout the country. Parcel post has made an excellent beginning. All that has been promised has been fulfilled and additional advantages granted.

The service is still in its infancy and what has been developed in its brief history is bound to show much greater results as time goes on and the public becomes better acquainted with its advantages. The growth is confined to no one section, but is general. That it means much additional work for the postoffice is made evident but it already portends magnificent financial returns from which the requirements for additional help can be met. Parcel post is vindicating all that was claimed for it and it has but just been started. Its possibilities haven't as yet been fully realized.

### THE FIREARMS EMBARGO.

The question of removing the embargo on the shipment of firearms to Mexico, which is being urged from certain quarters, is one which must be settled only after this country establishes a fixed policy concerning that republic. Such a course is being urged on the grounds that the Mexicans should settle their difficulties themselves and that the granting of permission to buy ammunition and firearms here would be the quickest method of putting an end to the trouble. Justification of this is argued from the fact that the policy which was pursued by the nations of Europe concerning the Balkan states. Permitting the rebels, or all the Mexicans to buy here would stimulate a good business in that line and would result in more fighting than is occurring at present in Mexico, but it is certainly a move which cannot be considered until it is definitely known just what this country is going to do. It must be known first whether this country is limited to moral persuasion or whether it is prepared to intervene. If as the last resort it is ready to send troops into Mexico, which it is declared would be met by the union of the federal and constitutional forces as a resentment of any such action we cannot afford to put firearms in the hands of those who are going to offer resistance to any such attempt to set matters at rights in that country. We certainly cannot afford to lift an embargo when such an act in a short time may prove a boomerang. Our program must be carefully and wisely prepared.

### "RITUAL MURDER" TRIAL.

The world can well shudder at the possibilities which may result from the outcome of the "ritual murder" trial at Kiev, Russia. The Jews have not been accorded the most cordial reception in that country. There has long been resentment to their presence and the refusal of passport privileges to a citizen of this country because he was a Jew resulted in the abrogation of treaty relations which have never been readjusted. The anti-semitic sentiment in Russia has grown through agitation both before and since this trial which is interesting the entire world. The two frequent massacres of the Jews have displayed the smoldering sentiment which requires little to fan it into the commitment of the most horrible atrocities.

In the Beilis trial which has been hanging fire for two years the government is endeavoring to prove that the Yushinsky boy was killed in conformity with the custom of the Jews that they might have Christian blood for the making of their passover bread. It is being heard by ignorant peasants and no opportunity is being lost in arousing sentiment against the Jews.

in Russia. In view of the hatred which exists against this is no surprise that appeals are going out to many nations seeking protests against the charge and against what there is reason to believe will result in increased violence against the Jew.

### CHANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT.

There are excellent chances for much good to result from the trip about New England which is being made by a delegation of Boston merchants and business men. The purpose of the visit is to get better acquainted with the commercial interests in the ambitious undertaking of developing both the city and the port of Boston. Such a trip is a recognition of the territory which must be drawn upon for that very development, and it calls attention to the opportunity for cooperative action which ought not to be overlooked. If the business men of Boston see a chance for a greater increase in trade through the encouragement of the industrial activities in New England, it is a matter which no city can afford to overlook.

There are many directions in which New England cities should grow, and there is likewise vast opportunity for growth in the various branches of agriculture, fruit and cattle raising. If getting acquainted businesswise is calculated to show a production and trade development to the advantage of all concerned, it should also open the avenue for the betterment of marketing conditions, the lack of which at the present time is responsible for a large amount of fruit and farm products going to waste.

As is anticipated, there is good reason to believe that through the combined efforts of the commercial organizations much profit is to be gained for New England, and it remains for each community to strive for its full share, through making the most of what is offered it through the new as well as the old outlets.

### PERSONALITY IN POLITICS.

Much satisfaction is being gained by the progressives in Massachusetts over the excellent run which was made by their candidate for governor, Charles S. Bird. Yet it must be realized that his magnificent vote was secured upon the strength of his personality rather than upon the principles which he represented. Mr. Bird got a handsome vote on his name. What he stood for was disregarded the same as if he had been elected and the ticket with him defeated. Had it been the issues which Mr. Bird and the progressives of Massachusetts stood for which drew the vote, the rest of his ticket which must have stood for the same thing would have received the same support instead of falling hopelessly behind.

In this connection the Waterbury American well says: "It was Roosevelt who introduced personality into politics. He was the issue, not the things he stood for, or the platform he stood on. Through him and his kind of campaigning, personality has become a paramount issue. But personality cannot last, this is the nature of things. During the Civil war, for example, and the period just following it, it was a commonly accepted saying that a vote must be cast for an issue and not for a man. The trouble has been that there are no clearly defined issues before the voters today. Everything is in the melting pot. Probably in a year or two, when the tariff bill, the currency bill and other legislation have worked out their legitimate results, we shall get a new alignment in politics, an alignment of important issues more than on personalities."

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

Now that the elections are over there is clear sailing for football and Thanksgiving.

Bird flew well, but it was utterly impossible for him to keep his flock anywhere near him.

Diaz's decision to live in Florida shows that like Castro he has a growing disposition to hang around home.

When the police of Indianapolis refuse to ride upon the cars it doesn't reflect the attitude of the bluecoats in most cities.

Ortle McManigal in going to a hospital to have his identifying scar removed evidently believes that safety lies in disguise.

The rearing of children costs 40 per cent. more today than ten years ago. That may be why so many think they ought to guide their parents.

That bottle cast into the food in Pennsylvania and picked up on the coast of Scotland certainly knew the way back after another load.

This is a bad year for Tammany, but it will not mean its end unless public sentiment is kept up at the fighting point and reform prevails.

Rolling is a new health method. Some people need a "roll" to put on weight, but for those who laugh and grow fat it requires a roll to grow lean.

Someone asks: "Should a woman whistle?" But just at present Connecticut is concerned with the more important question "Shall a woman hang?"

The man on the corner says: It makes little difference to the fan how much the magnates quarrel out of season as long as it means better ball next season.

Some of the progressive leaders are manifesting much interest in the Bridgeport election which ought not to be overlooked.

With 48 vessel owners fined \$5,000 in the last few weeks for not having the proper number of mates they must soon realize that it is not only safer but cheaper to obey the law.

There is no mistaking where union exists and division prevails in the political parties. Every democratic victory represents the result of unity and the penalty of divided opposition.

After his humiliating repulse at Albany Sulzer can now cry "Turn boys, turn, we're going back," however unfortunate the making of him a martyr may seem.

The students of geography can drop the Balkans for the time being and center their attention and study on the republic to the south, to keep up with the progress of events.

The slump of Foss in Massachusetts was not due to his criticism of the democratic administration, but because of his lack of party backing and his instability. He had no chance and was useless to waste ballots for him.

## MISS WILDFIRE

Frank Churchill had had the briefest glimpse of her, but her face haunted him for months afterwards. As agent for an Eastern land company he had stopped for a night at her father's ranch in Montana. The girl had appeared shyly in the living room of the house and her father had caught her sun-crowned little hand and drawn her affectionately to him.

"Come Bess, I want you to meet the entranced New York we waiters to build skyscrapers on the side of Money Mountain."

Bess Delorme had laughed merrily and placed her hand for an instant in Churchill's, with a few words of encouragement, concerning his venture. Bess had slipped away and he had never seen her again.

But her face haunted him always with its charm of sweet expression and the pretty curve of cheek and chin. The thick dark lashes that shaded her soft black eyes, and the curling tresses of her jetty hair, were set in his memory like a palpitating picture.

The next year he returned to find her father dead and the motherless home broken up. Bess Delorme had gone further West, some one said to relatives in California. No one knew definitely.

St. Churchill nursed his secret love and looked always for the face of the girl he had seen but once. He became a travelling salesman and his business took him over much Western territory. In every town or city he visited his first inquiry was for some one by the name of Delorme, but so far he had never found trace of her.

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dropped in hoping to see Miss Wildfire once more. Again and again he saw the play in different cities until he knew it by heart. He grew intensely jealous of the big cowboy hero of the play who made such romantic love to the charming little Western girl, and he would have slain the villain single-handed every night if he had been flesh and blood.

At last he reached New York and reported to the sales manager, Mr. Robinson, who was very busy that morning and he sent word out to Churchill to wait a couple of hours for him.

"I'll borrow a stenographer then and dictate a few letters," decided Churchill and he spoke to the chief clerk.

Five minutes afterwards he was seated in a small office, his feet elevated to a table and his mind busy over the correspondence that had accumulated during his absence.

Some one opened the door behind him and slipped into a chair. He turned his head slightly, saw a dark curly head, the outline of a white-clad shoulder and arm and a slim brown hand, poised a pencil over a fresh notebook.

Churchill's feet came down from the table, and his hat flew into a corner. "Good-morning," he said crisply. "Are you ready?"

"Yes," was the low-toned reply. "Please take this letter: 'The Goodenuff Film Company, San Francisco, Cal.: Gentlemen—Referring to my several inquiries concerning the whereabouts of Miss Lillian Delorme, until recently a member of your company of players may I not impose upon your courtesy a little further and ask to institute some inquiry in whatever direction you may deem advisable, concerning the destination of Miss Delorme when she left San Francisco? I am very anxious to find her present whereabouts and."

"Oh, excuse me!" cried the stenographer breathlessly. "He's going too fast for you!" he asked kindly. "No—but, please, Mr. Churchill!"

He whirled around in his chair and stared with unbelieving eyes into the blushing startled face of "Miss Wildfire" herself.

He sat there with parted lips for an absurdly long time, but it was rather disconcerting to search the West for a trace of Bess Delorme and come back to the East to find her prosaically established in his firm's business office!

It took Frank Churchill two hours to explain to Bess Delorme why he wanted to see her and to hear from her lips that she had decided not to be an actress after all, and that she had taken her dying father's advice and gone East to seek work in New York; her only aid had been one of Churchill's business cards found among her father's effects.

"Well, Churchill," said his sales manager when at last he interviewed the travelling man. You can put a mourning band on your sleeve—I'm going to change your territory."

"Not New England?" asked Churchill delightedly. "Yes, I thought you'd kick a lot over it. You're so keen for the West."

"I was looking for something out there but I've found it now. I say Mr. Robinson, fix it up so I can have a month off in October, will you?"

"Not getting married?" asked the other. "Perhaps," returned Churchill guardedly, but in his heart he knew that Miss Wildfire and he had not crossed the continent in search of each other in vain.

"Then I'll see that you get a pass over the line to Niagara Falls," grinned his chief. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

WATCH YOUR STEP!  
BY THE CONDUCTOR

Avoid the Grouch.

"I an' Lizzie been married just long enough now for me to give you some advice."

"They'n nothin' gets a woman's goat quicker'n givin' a big laugh when she's did somethin' she ought not to do. That's th' one thing she won't stand for an' th' other is your snappin' at her."

"Bein' grouchy, goin' around with your under lip hangin' down till you can tread on it, is th' meanest thing you can do to any woman. Of all th' kill-joys that ever killed joy, th' man around th' house with a grouch on is th' worst."

They ought to get th' legislature to pass a game law makin' th' county clerk pay \$2 apiece for every scalp of a grouch fetched to th' office. Good sports'd bring 'em for less'n that."

"While you been downtown all day, chasin' this fellow for money, an' puttin' it all over that one rubberin' into every plate glass front you pass to see what a swell gink you look like, goin' out noontime an' swappin' baseball guff or spelin' stories, you get back to your house about supper time an' find your wife's been workin' for you all day."

"Them other muts only think about you when they see you. Sometimes they can't wait for you to get through blowin' about yourself, they're in such a hurry to begin their hot air stunt. If you'd try yourself as hard at night when you come home to entertain the woman that dotes on you, like you try to please them frozen faced ginks that wouldn't even take time to look out th' window to see your house go by, you'd have so much fun at home you'd be thinkin' about it all day long."

"You know, th' kind of a husband that makes a bit with a woman is th' kind that says when he comes home, 'Now, tell me all about what happened to-day.' That's what Lizzie likes. An' when she talks, I'm all ears like a jackass."

"Don't get in them women's way! 'Lively, now. Let 'em off! Let 'em off!'"

"Look where you step!"

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